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ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.183 filed June 4, 2009, requesting waiver of the requirements of 37 CFR 3.81 to correct the assignee information on the above identified application. Specifically, petitioner requests that the Office reprint the corrected patent or reprint a corrected cover page of the patent. Alternatively, petitioner requests that a Certificate of Correction be issued.

Petitioner is advised that it is the practice of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to issue a certificate of correction to correct an error on the part of an applicant in those cases where the assignee or attorney data is incorrect or was inadvertently not provided at the time of payment of the issue fee or the inventor's name is misspelled or otherwise incorrect. Note 37 CFR 1.323 and MPEP 1482 (35 U.S.C. 255), which states:

"Whenever a mistake of a clerical or typographical nature, or of minor character, which was not the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office, appears in a patent and a showing has been made that such mistake occurred in good faith, the Commissioner may, upon payment of the required fee, issue a certificate of correction, if the correction does not involve such changes in the patent as would constitute new matter or would require re-examination. Such patent, together with the certificate, shall have the same effect and operation in law on the trial of actions for causes thereafter arising as if the same had been originally issued in such correct form."

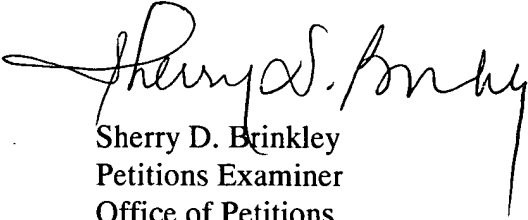
In view of the above, and since the desired correction of the assignee's name can be effected by way of a certificate of correction, it is unnecessary to reprint the above identified Letters Patent.

Accordingly, the petition is being treated under 37 CFR 3.81(b) to correct the name of the assignee on the front page of the above-identified patent by way of a Certificate of Correction.

The petition, as construed, is granted is **GRANTED**.

The Certificates of Correction Branch will be notified of this decision granting the petition under 37 CFR 3.81(b) and directing issuance of the requested Certificate of Correction.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries regarding the issuance of a certificate of correction should be directed to the Certificate of Correction Branch at (571) 272-4200.



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